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SUBJ: CYPRUS IN SC: RESOLUTION 354 DEMANDS CEASEFIRE
OBSERVANCE

1. GREEK REP PANAYOTACOS LATE AFTERNOON JULY 23 REQUESTED
URGENT SC MEETING TO DEAL WITH TELEGRAPHIC REPORT HE
HAD RECEIVED TO EFFECT GREEK EMBASSY NICOSIA UNDER MILITARY
ATTACK BY TURKS. HE REPORTED THAT LIVES OF INNOCENT WOMEN
AND CHILDREN WHO HAD SOUGHT REFUGE IN EMBASSY WERE
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ENDANGERED.

2. SUPPORT FOR IMMEDIATE SC SESSION QUICKLY GAINED MOMENTUM, LARGELY BECAUSE OF INDIGNATION THAT CEASEFIRE NOT OBSERVED AND BLOODSHED CONTINUING.

3. WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT SC MEETING INEVITABLE, USUN CONSULTED BRITISH, FRENCH AND OTHERS WITH VIEW TO FOCUSING SC ON SIMPLE, MINIMAL RESOLUTION DEMANDING OBSERVATION OF CEASEFIRE. OUR AIM TO REDUCE RISK OF ESCALATING RHETORIC AND BROADENING OF DEBATE TO INCLUDE ISSUES THAT MIGHT HAVE RESULTED IN CONTENTIOUS DRAFT RES AND FURTHER DELAY AND DIFFICULTY IN BRINGING PARTIES TO NEGOTIATING TABLE.

4. WITH EXCELLENT COOPERATION OF BRITISH, FRENCH AND SC PRES PEREZ DE CUELLAR (PERU), DESIRED RESULT WAS QUICKLY ACHIEVED. MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR 9 PM AND WHEN THAT HOUR ARRIVED ALL 15 MEMBERS WERE ALREADY AGREED ON SUITABLE DRAFT RES AND ON PROCEEDING TO VOTE BEFORE DEBATING ISSUE. AS IT HAD DONE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THIS SCENARIO WENT SMOOTHLY, SYG WALDHEIM READ FACTUAL REPORT, RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED 15-0-0, AND SUBSEQUENT DEBATE WAS ANTI-CLIMAX (SEPTELS). COUNCIL PAID LITTLE HEED TO EX-POST FACTO GREEK AND CYPRIOT PLAINTS THAT RES SHOULD HAVE BEEN STRONGER. SESSION ENDED BEFORE MIDNIGHT, DECKS HAVING BEEN CLEARED FOR FURTHER ACTION TO BRING PARTIES TO NEGOTIATING TABLE IN GENEVA.
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